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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/687,995	Applicant(s) BREGAINT ET AL.	
	Examiner Walter Benson	Art Unit 2858	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 November 2005.
 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 22 and 26-42 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 22, 28 and 29 is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 30-33, 35 and 38-40 is/are rejected.
 7) ☒ Claim(s) 26, 27, 34, 36, 37, 41 and 42 is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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FINAL ACTION

1. Amendment B, received on 11/02/05 has been entered into record. In this amendment claims 4-9, 14, 17, 21, and 23-25 have been canceled, and claims 26-42 have been added.
2. Claims 1-3, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 22, and 26-42 are now pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 30-33, 35, 38-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Martin (US Patent No. 4,280,185 and Martin hereinafter).

5. As to claims 30-33, 35, 38-40, Martin discloses an appliance configured to read an identification connector of an airplane engine [Fig. 1], the connector comprising a plurality of contacts connected to a decoding circuit containing a plurality of information about the engine, the appliance comprising:

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an identification connector receiver (col. 3, lines 53-58);

a processor connected to the identification connector receiver, the processor being configured to decode the plurality of information about the engine contained in the decoding circuit of the identification connector, the plurality of information about the engine [col. 3, lines 59-65] including a plurality of engine operating characteristics of a specified engine family or version (col. 4, lines 8-22)

a control device configured to specify which information from the plurality is decoded by the processor (col. 4, lines 29-37);

a display unit configured to display the plurality of information about the engine decoded by the processor (col. 4, lines 37-42).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-3, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 22 and 28-29 are allowed over the prior art of record.

7. Claims 26-27, 34, 36-37, and 41-42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art of record fails to teach in combination as claimed an appliance configured to read an identification connector of an airplane engine, the connector comprising a plurality of contacts connected to a decoding circuit containing a plurality of information about the engine, including at least one protection connector containing an autotest circuit.


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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Walter Benson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2227. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Fri 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diane Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2399. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Walter Benson
Primary Examiner

January 5, 2006